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SUBJECT: FAHMY'S CONCERN ABOUT ISRAELI INTENETIONS

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1. WITH THE BAIRAM HOLIDAYS AT AN END, I HAD A CHANCE TO TALK WITH FAHMY YESTERDAY ABOUT REF SUBJECT. I RETERATED OUR VIEW THAT NEITHER THE SYRIANS NOR THE ISRAELIS HAVE ANY INTEREST IN PRECIPITATING HOSTILITIES. ALLUDING TO FAHMY'S CONCERN THAT ISRAEL MIGHT TRY TO "BLACKEN THE US IMAGE IN THE ARAB WORLD," I POINTED OUT THAT THIS UNDERSCORES THE NEED TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING. FAHMY AGREED. I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT WE BELIEVE THAT SAUDIS ARE UNNECESSARILY CONCERNED RE ISRAELI INTENTIONS TO ATTACK LEBANON. HERE AGAIN FAHMY AGREED AND ASSERTED GOE HAS TRIED TO ALLAY SAUDI CONCERNS. IT WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. UNFORTUNATELY, HE OPINED, THE "NOISES" COMING OUT OF ISRAEL WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH LEBANON ARE HARDLY HELPFUL. SAUDI MODA PRINCE SULTAN ARRIVES TODAY FOR AOI MEETING AND WILL PROBABLY RAISE THE MATTER AGAIN.

2. I THEN HAVE FAHMY THE GIST OF OUR EXCHANGE WITH SARKIS ABOUT THE SOUTH LEBANON PROBLEM. FAHMY EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH SARKIS' ESTIMATE THAT, GIVEN THE CURRENT

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SITUATION IN LEBANON, THE LIKELIHOOD OF ORGANIZING AND

DEPLOYING INDEGENOUS LEBANESE FORCES IN THE SOUTH IS SLIM.
IN HIS VIEW, THW ASF SHOULD BE DEPLOYED TO THE AREA.
IN THIS CONNECTON, HE AGAIN MENTIONED THE GOE'S UNDER-
STANDING THAT THERE ARE ALREADY "SYMBOLIC SYRIAN FORCES"
IN TYRE AND NABATIYAH. ASKED IF HE COULD VERIFY THIS
REPORT, FAHMY SAID HE COULD NOT, ALTHOUGH HE THOUGHT
GOE'S INFORMATION WAS RELIABLE. HE ARGUED THAT THE
ISRAELIS CANNOT HAVE IT BOTH WAYS, IF THEY WANT THE PALES-
TINIANS IN SOUTH LEBANON CONTROLLED, THE ONLY FORCES
CAPABLE OF DOING SO ARE THE ASF. HE REITERATED HIS VIEW
THAT THE SYRIANS HAVE NO DESIRE TO BE DRAGGED INTO A FIGHT
WITH ISRAEL AT THIS TIME, AND URGED THAT WE IMPRESS UPON
THE ISRAELIS THAT FACT THAT A TOKEN SYRIAN DEPLOYMENT TO
SOUTH LEBANONE WILL NOT CONSTITUTE A THREAT TO THEM. HE
AGAIN ASKED THAT WE URGE RESTRAINT ON THE ISRAELI GOVT
AND I ASSURED HIM THAT WE CONTINUE TO DO SO.
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